

First Congregational United Church of Christ,
Ypsilanti, MI
“Follow Me”



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pumpkin#/media/File:Traugers-farm-bucks-county-large.jpg>

No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey, you're welcome here.

October 25, 2015

10:00 am

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



*An open and affirming community
committed to peace and justice*

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:

NCH (Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")
Sing! (Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)
ES (Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invitation

*All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak
with the Pastor or any member of the Community.*

Prelude

Steve McGhee

***Gathering Hymn "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" 33 SING - Steve McGhee**

Welcome

Donna Eyster

Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.

We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

****Please rise in body or spirit as you are able***

Announcements

Donna Eyster

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ring the Bell

***Anthem**

"We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light"

FCC Choir

Call to Worship (Unison)

Donna Eyster

One: God is gathering us from many different places.

All are invited.

Many: Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.

We trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

Let us exalt God's name together!

— Adapted From "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

LISTENING FOR GOD

Old Testament

Psalm 34:1–8

Donna Eyster

Hymn

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"

136 NCH

Children's Time

children are invited to come forward

New Testament

Mark 10:46–52

Donna Eyster

Sermon

Getting Back On Your Feet

Rev. Regina Jemison

*Hymn

"Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless"

461 NCH

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People

Rev. Regina Jemison

*All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time.
Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Alternate Version

Rev. Regina Jemison

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

Most compassionate Life-giver,
May we honor and praise you;
May we work with you to establish
your new order of justice, peace and love.
Give us what we need for growth,
And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing,
That we may resist all evil.
For all the tenderness,
Strength and love are yours, now and forever. Amen.
- W. Wallace, Rainbow Cathedral Church, Tacoma WA

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison)

Rev. Regina Jemison

Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Let us
give as we are able – with joy! Amen.

— Adapted from “Led by Love”, Lavon Bayler

Offertory

Steve McGhee

*Doxology

“Take My Gifts”

562 NCH

*Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!*

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Donna Eyster

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more
than money; we offer ourselves. May the comfort we share with people in
need serve to draw them closer to you, Lord. Keep us strong, that this church
may give radiant witness to Your truth. In Jesus name we say... Amen.

— Adapted from “Led by Love”, Lavon Bayler

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

*Hymn of Departure

“I Want To Be Ready”

616 NCH

*Benediction

Rev. Regina Jemison

One: Take heart; your faith is making you well.
You have gathered to learn now go out and witness.

Many: **We have gathered to learn; now we will go out and witness.**
We pray that God will work in and through us.
Amen and Amen.

— Adapted From “Led by Love”, Lavon Bayler

Postlude

Steve McGhee

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace

Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Our Volunteers	Today: Oct 25 th	Next Sunday: Nov 1 st
Usher	Lyle Molter	Jamie Goldsmith
Preaching	Rev. Regina Jemison	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Donna Eyster	Wayne Burling
Worship Set-up	Margaret Harner	Wayne Burling
Acolyte	Lyle Molter	Hunter Turner
Friendship Time	Melanie Harner	Anne Marie N-T
Sunday School	Alex Goldsmith	Melanie Harner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO MEETING: November 1, 2015, immediately following the worship service, there will be a **Quarterly Meeting** of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Old business, information, reports and new business will be brought before the Congregation at that time. We will vote on accepting the following covenant of Open and Affirming.

Open and Affirming Covenant of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti. (proposed)

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions.

All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe and nurturing community of faith.

We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Our next Council meeting will be held November 2, 2015 at 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

Student Advocacy Center of Michigan.....Benefit Concert:

Concert 4 a Cause is once again having an event to benefit the community -- this time for the **Student Advocacy Center of Michigan**, which has worked for 40 years to fight school dropout and pushout of our most vulnerable students through advocacy, education support, academic mentoring and youth leadership opportunities.

Concert4aCause featuring:

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Bass String Quartet & Piano Shubert Trout Quintet & a Vaughan Williams Quintet

Friday, November 20th - 8pm

Northside Community Church - 929 Barton Drive, Ann Arbor

Celebrating the work of Student Advocacy Center of Michigan

Free and open to the public.

Donations accepted at the door - 100% going to support the work of Student Advocacy Center.

WICIR TEEN GROUP Mural Unveiling: W.I.C.I.R. Youth Group would like to invite you to the unveiling of their mural in Ypsilanti. Saturday November 7th, 2015 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM 410 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti, MI

*Parking lot behind Abe's Coney/Dos Hermanos grocery store entrance.



***** Event details *****

This mural was imagined in a collective design process. The youth spent the last year reflecting on their individual identity, the meaning of their group, how they are viewed in the community, and how they want to be portrayed in society.

Latin[x] youth in Washtenaw County struggle with issues related to discrimination, social isolation, and many struggle to cope with issues related to a broken immigration system.

Throughout this mural, there are various symbols that have helped WICIR Youth Group members communicate their feelings, past experiences, and current struggles. We partnered with a humble local artist named Alejandro Chinchilla who has been working with the youth in implementing the mural this past month.

We hope that you are able to attend this very special gathering and please feel free to distribute widely. Light refreshments will be provided at this public event.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's address: *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WICIR>.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website <http://www.mi-ona.org> or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/>

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.ypsiucc.org> Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913>.

KROGER FUNDRAISER: HAVE YOU RE-REGISTERED WITH KROGER!! Everybody that shops at Kroger and has a shopper's card **MUST** register. **Last Year's registration expires May 1st** and you are not getting credit for you purchases until you re-register for the current year.
Go to www.kroger.com and click "REGISTER". Follow prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83263**, or you can find our name in drop down list. Any questions contact Barbara Garland, bargarland@yahoo.com, 734-662-5803.

About this week's cover photo:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pumpkin#/media/File:Traugers-farm-bucks-county-large.jpg>

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